

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated October 24, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 24, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 2, 4-18, 22-35, and 37-44 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1, 3, 19-21, and 36 have been cancelled, and claims 39-44 have been added. Claims 16-38 are indicated to be allowable. Claims 36 and 19-21 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 40-44, respectively. Reconsideration of the claims is requested for reasons presented below.

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Claims 1-10, 12, and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,800,968, *Shaw*.

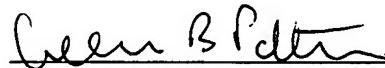
Shaw discloses a tilt mechanism 30 adapted to tilt the bails supporting an elevator 10. The tilt mechanism 30 has a hemispherically shaped bearing area for mounting the tilt mechanism to link pins 8. *Shaw* does not teach, show, or suggest the structural intermediate and the gripping member are in fluid communication with an inner diameter of the casing string, as recited in claim 2. *Shaw* does not teach, show, or suggest supplying fluid from the tubular gripping member to the casing, as recited in claim 6. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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